

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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Caltrans Prepares for Bridge Work in Phase 2

Work continued along Interstate 215 between Orange Show Road and Rialto Avenue during the month of June. Motorists driving along I-215 will notice work in the median with paving and striping as crews prepare to move traffic to the center and work on the shoulders. No detour is necessary as one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

In an effort to begin work on the Inland Center Drive bridge, Caltrans placed concrete barriers, K-rail, on the north and south side of the bridge where crews will begin work. One lane in each direction will be available at all times with a turn lane to allow motorists to enter the southbound I-215. Trucks are discouraged from using the Inland Center Drive bridge and ramps due to turning radius restrictions.

In addition, Caltrans and the contractor will begin work to lower Mill Street. During work, lanes will be shifted to the north side with at least one lane available in each direction.

Please allow additional travel time due to the lanes being restricted. For your safety and the safety of the workers please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2, visit www.caltrans8.info.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS.**



The I-215 Widening Project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

5th Street Bridge Gets Concrete Foundation

Crews continued work on the deck of the 5th Street bridge during the month of June.

Temporary bridge structure and reinforced steel were placed early in the month, allowing crews to pour concrete and complete the bottom portion of the bridge. To date, more than 1.8 million pounds of reinforced steel have been placed to increase support for the new bridge.



Crews prepare the 5th Street bridge for a concrete pour during the month of June.

In July, crews will begin working on the top half of the bridge deck by placing reinforced steel for added support. By the end of the month, crews will pour concrete to complete the top portion of the bridge deck, allowing motorists to see the southern half of the bridge taking shape.

Street improvements at 5th, H and J Streets also will continue in July and the coming months, with freeway and street closures issued as necessary.

SANBAG and Caltrans Remember Bill Leonard Sr.

As a business icon, Bill Leonard Sr. helped develop and rehabilitate the Inland Empire by working on nearly all of the major advancements in the area. Leonard died June 5 due to a respiratory illness.



Bill Leonard Sr. honored at a ceremony naming the I-15/SR-210 interchange William E. Leonard Interchange.

Leonard was the owner of Leonard Realty and Building Co., a company his grandfather formed in 1905 that works in development, rehabilitates houses and builds parking lots and apartment complexes.

In his quest to improve lives in the Inland area, Leonard supported the building of SR-210 and the widening of I-215. In addition, Leonard held leadership roles with the California Highway Commission and California Transportation Commission among other organizations.

At a dedication ceremony in 1998, the I-15/SR-210 interchange in the Rancho Cucamonga/Fontana area was named the William E. Leonard Interchange, honoring him for his contributions to the Inland Empire.

